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FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, PA

SUBJECT: POLITICAL PRISONERS RELEASED

REF: ASUNCION 5034

1. GOP MINISTRY OF INTERIOR INFORMED THE EMBASSY DECEMBER 31 THAT 54 SUSPECTED SUBVERSIVES HAD BEEN SET FREE SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER 22, OVER THREE QUARTERS OF THEM SINCE NOVEMBER 25. ACCORDING TO LISTS GIVEN TO US, MOST OF THESE PRISONERS WERE ARRESTED LATE LAST SPRING FOR SUSPECTED INVOLVEMENT WITH THE OPM TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. INCLUDED ARE A NUMBER OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

2. BEST KNOWN INTERNATIONALLY AMONG THOSE RELEASED IS GLORIA ESTRAGO BIEBER, A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE INTERAMERICAN FOUNDATION - SUPPORTED INDIAN WELFARE ORGANIZATION, PROJECT MARANDU, WHO WAS SET FREE ON DECEMBER 31. EMBASSY IS IN TOUCH WITH HER RELATIVES TO ASCERTAIN HER PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION (SHE HAS A HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS) AND THE STATUS OF CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST HER (REPORTED REFTEL). REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

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3. COMMENT - THESE RELEASES EVIDENTALLY ARE IN FURTHERANCE OF THE GOP'S ANNOUNCED POLICY OF RELEASING PRISONERS AGAINST WHOM THERE IS NO SOLID EVIDENCE OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY, AND BRINGING THE REST TO TRIAL.  
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